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WEATHER.

Western Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Rain.
Eastern Oregon—Fair.

YIELDS GRACEFULLY.

Congress, after mature deliberation, viewing the subjects from all points, has put its foot down emphatically on the proposed "reform," so called, of English spelling advocated by the President at the instance of a body of self-appointed reconstructors of the language, and the President has accepted their conclusions, promising to rescind his order of Aug. 27 last. This simplifies and clarifies what was rapidly becoming to be "confusion worse confounded" in the matter of important public records, since two systems prevailed, temporarily, involving an increased expense which threatened, if this policy was persisted in, to become enormous and otherwise burdensome, as all public documents, laws, records, etc., are stereotyped for preservation. With the records of the Executive Department and that of the Legislative at variance, this meant double work, and at a doubling of the store material.

Congress also considered the fact, which is quite probable, that the next or some succeeding administration might revoke the order of Mr. Roosevelt, necessitating still further costly changes. The conclusion of the joint Committee on Spelling is that "Any departure from the recognized standard of orthography cannot with safety, satisfaction or economy be taken until Congress and the Executive shall agree upon the adoption of other orthographic methods."

The President also realized the question was overshadowing matters of great importance, as he expressed it, and agreed, if Congress was agreed, to rescind his action. Mr. Roosevelt is impulsive, but not pig-headed and has receded gracefully from an untenable position, like a good general.—Brooklyn Union.

WHY NOT PAY ALL?

It was not unnatural that the over-worked members of congress should come in the course of time to demand an increase in pay. It is the tendency. The present scale is comparatively low and although certain members have been enabled to save \$10,000 a year on their pay, they feel, as an average, that \$5,000 a year is not sufficient remuneration when the importance of the service rendered is taken into consideration. The senate has not reflected this sentiment. The President, the Vice President, and Cabinet, are doing no active lobbying against the proposition to present them living wages. Meanwhile, the President is reported as wanting the salaries of all federal employes raised about 20 per cent, but nothing is said about more pay for the rank and file of the army and navy. Some humble citizens long have thought that if these schedules were better, desertions would dwindle and the annual cry of inability to get men for the coast artillery die to a faint whisper. But the army and navy have no lobby. They are merely the men behind the guns.—Exchange.

GOVERNMENTAL DELAYS.

According to official announcement the government report known as "The Mineral Resources of the United

States" for 1905, will not be published until early in 1907. Here is another of the government reports that covers ground of the utmost importance, upon which thousands and tens of thousands of dollars are undoubtedly spent annually and which might be of the greatest practical value to myriads of our busy citizens—but it loses all save a mere fraction of its value by exasperating delays in publication. A report of mineral conditions and production in 1905 is given to the world in 1907! Think of it, business and mining men of the United States! In what private or corporate business would such delays be tolerated? It is simply an outrage that the public should pay for work made useless by the procrastination or inefficiency of government departments. An investigation should be ordered by Congress, if need be, and an explanation be made as due to the public. At a time when, as never before, the American public is interested in mines and mining stocks, as investors, it is singularly unfortunate that government publications of this nature should fail to appear in season to be of real service. A radical reform is needed right here and now.

BETTER A WORKER THAN A STRIKER.

My boy, there are two classes in society, the class that lifts and the class that leans. They that lift are the ones who do the world's work. The leaning class are they who depend upon the exertion of others and do the grunting and fault-finding and complaining. My boy, be a lifter and you will have little time to fuss about the fallings of others. It's the fellow in the lodge that shirks his duty who makes the most trouble and it is the same in the church and in society in general.—Oberlin, Kan., Times.

TOBACCO TEST FOR NOVELS.

The other day in a public library in London an attendant noticed a young girl sniffing suspiciously at the books. When he asked the reason for her strange conduct she told him frankly, "I sniff at a book," she said, "to see if it smells of tobacco. If it does then I know it's a book a man has been reading and that it's a good one." This is a novel literary test, but a wise one in some respects. Horse sense lies behind it and feminine intuition.—Cleveland Leader.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

A Kentucky man has testified that whiskey two weeks old is sold in that state, but this may be only an attempt to make the world believe that somebody in Kentucky can leave whiskey alone for two weeks.

Congressman Sulzer claims he brought on the Spanish War. It is well known he won the Boer War, only the Boers quit and went home in the moment of his victory.

It seems that fishing dispute with Canada has been going on since 1813, and it is not settled who can tell the biggest story yet.

The simplicity of some planets' names never strikes us until we get to the more complicated ones: Oh for Paderewski, now that we are up against Zoltan de Takach Gyongyoshalasz!

Money in itself is not considered a motive in Kansas City. A bank cashier skipped out with \$9,000, and the officials gravely report they can find no "motive."

There is no certainty of an open winter in New York, but we are dead sure of one just open enough to give next summer's ice cream man the usual excuse for prices.

Mr. E. G. Case, a mail carrier of Canton Center, Conn., who has been in the U. S. service for about sixteen years, says: "We have tried many cough medicines for croup, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is king of all, and one to be relied upon every time. We also find it the best remedy for coughs and colds, giving certain results, and leaving no bad after effects." For sale by Frank Hart and Leading Druggists.

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In order to introduce to the Astoria public the new stock company that will reopen the Star Theater on next Monday night, the management will give away FREE one reserved seat ticket to every lady, provided the free ticket is accompanied by one paid 35c reserved seat ticket. Tickets can be secured any time after 9 a. m., Monday, at the theater box office, and must be bought before 7 p. m., Monday, December 24. Eckhardt's Ideals, the new stock company, are well and favorably known, both in the East and West. They are a strong organization and have the reputation of presenting their plays in a manner that pleases. The opening play will be "A Woman's Struggle," a companion play to "Way Down East," and "York State Folks." There are some fine scenic and lighting effects, showing a New England snow storm in the first act.

The play is one of strong heart-interest, and has never been seen in Astoria; it deals with folks in rural New England, the plot is exceptionally strong, and the comedy scenes ex-cruciatingly funny. It can be safely said that "A Woman's Struggle" will be the most entertaining play ever seen here at popular prices.

Starting next Thursday and for the balance of the week with usual matinees, the great comedy drama, "A Ragged Hero."

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Dent's Famous English Gloves \$2.00
Fancy half-hose, 25c to 50c
Handkerchiefs—Silk, 25c to \$1;
Hemstitched linen, plain or with initial, 25c to 50c
Fancy Xmas Suspenders, 50c to \$3.50
Neckdressings, 25c to \$1.50;
Full Dress Mufflers and Reefers, \$1.00 to \$4.00
Box Suspenders and Combination Sets, including Suspenders, Armlets and Hose Supporters, 50c to \$1.50
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